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REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are pending in the subject application. Claims 5-9, 12-13, 17-19 and 25-30 were withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected species. Claims 5-9, 12-13, 17-19 and 25-30 have now been cancelled. Claim 31 is withdrawn as a non-elected method claim. Claim 31 has now been cancelled. This leaves claims 1-4, 10-11, 14-16, 20-24, and 32-37 pending. The rejection of these claims was the subject of the present Appeal.

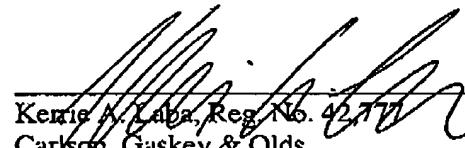
In the Decision on Appeal from the Board of Patent Appeals And Interferences, the Board affirmed the rejections of claims 1-3, 10-11, 14, 20-22, and 32-33 and reversed the rejections of claims 4, 15, 16, 23, 24, and 34-37. Claim 4 has been incorporated into claim 1 along with intervening claim 3. Claims 3-4 are now cancelled. Thus, claims 1-2 and 10-11 should now be in condition for allowance. Claim 15 has been incorporated into claim 14. Claim 14 has been cancelled. Thus, claims 14, 16, and 34-35 should now be in condition for allowance. Claim 23 has been incorporated into claim 20 along with intervening claim 21. Claims 23 and 21 have now been cancelled. Thus, claims 20, 22, and 24 should now be in condition for allowance. Claim 36 has been rewritten in independent form. Thus, claims 36-37 should now be in condition for allowance.

Applicant asserts that all claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests an indication of such. Applicant believes that no additional fees are due, however, the

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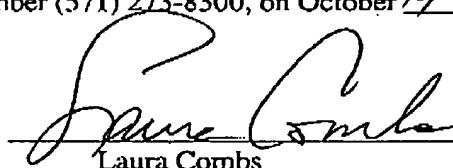
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